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FM AMEMBASSY CAIRO

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INFO AMEMBASSY JIDDA

AMEMBASSY TEHRAN

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SUBJECT: MRS. POMEROY'S QUEST FOR SAUDI VISAS

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1. CONSULAR OFFICER HAD CARRIED VISA APPLICATIONS FOR MRS. POMEROY'S GROUP TO SAUDI EMBASSY MORNING NOV 9. UPON HER RETURN FROM UPPER EGYPT NOV 11, MRS. POMEROY CALLED ON AMBASSADOR UNANNOUNCED. DUE PRESS OF BUSINESS, AND HAVING TO TAKE SECRETARY BUTZ TO SEE THE PRESIDENT, HE WAS UNABLE TO SEE HER.

2. CONSOFF EXPLAINED TO MRS. POMEROY, DRAWING ON STATE 247739 AND JIDDA 6204, THAT IT IS HIGHLY UNLIKELY SAUDI VISAS WILL BE ISSUED. SHE EXPRESSED HER "ANGER" AT STATE DEPT AND HER INABILITY TO UNDERSTAND WHY, IN VIEW EXCELLENT SAG/USG RELATIONS, AMEMBASSY JIDDA COULD NOT EXTRACT YES OR NO ANSWER FROM SAUDI MFA. CONSOFF EXPLAINED VISA ISSUANCE IS INTERNAL SAUDI MATTER AND OFFERED HER PERSONAL JUDGMENT THAT SAUDIS IN EFFORT NOT TO APPEAR INHOSPITABLE WILL PROBABLY AVOID SAYING NO BY NOT SAYING ANYTHING AT ALL.

3. MRS. POMEROY REITERATED HER ANNOYANCE THAT NO DECISIVE ANSWER FORTHCOMING BUT AGREED SHE MUST NOW MAKE HARD DECISION

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TO ATTEMPT FILL IN THREE DAYS ALLOTTED TO SAUDI ARABIA VISIT

IN SOME OTHER COUNTRY. SHE SAID SHE WOULD ATTEMPT TO GET IRANIAN VISAS FOR GROUP. CONSOFF INFORMED HER IRANIAN VISAS REQUIRE ONE PHOTO AND ARE GRATIS.

4. AT 1430 LOCAL, WHILE CONSOFF BUSY ON URGENT MATTER, MRS. POMEROY TELEPHONED. ALTHOUGH INFORMED CONSOFF WOULD RETURN CALL WITHIN 10 MINUTES, SHE LEFT FOLLOWING MESSAGES: SHE WISHES CONSOFF TO RETRIEVE SAUDI APPLICATIONS AND OBTAIN IRANIAN VISAS FOR GROUP BY TOMORROW MORNING (IRANIAN EMBASSY CLOSES AT 1400; SAUDI EMBASSY CLOSES AT 1430.)

5. AS SOON AS CONSOFF IS ABLE CONTACT MRS. POMEROY, CONSOFF WILL INFORM HER THAT EMBASSY REGRETS IT CANNOT ASSUME RESPONSIBILITY TO OBTAIN IRANIAN VISAS FOR FRIENDSHIP GROUP BUT THAT WE WOULD BE PLEASED TO CONTACT IRANIAN EMBASSY IN EFFORT FACILITATE. MRS. POMEROY MUST HERSELF DISCUSS SUBJECT WITH IRANIAN EMBASSY.

6. FOR TEHRAN: MRS. POMEROY AND 14 OTHER LADIES FROM "FRIENDSHIP AMONG WOMEN" GROUP ARE TOURING MIDDLE EAST TO CONTACT LOCAL LADIES PROMINENT IN PUBLIC LIFE AND HAVE SOLICITED AREA EMBASSIES' ASSISTANCE IN SETTING UP PROGRAM.  
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